

Section 2.—Offences of Adults

The statistics in Table 4 are comparable with those shown for juvenile offenders in Table 18. The separation between adult and juvenile offenders is available only for the years beginning with 1922, but totals of adult offences for the years 1931-37 may be obtained by subtracting those of Table 18 from those of Table 1.

War-Time Trends.—A marked decrease in convictions for indictable offences is noted during the first three war years. "Offences against the person", which increased 70·0 p.c. during the three years preceding the War, have shown a 0·2 p.c. decrease since 1939; "offences against property with violence" increased 27·0 p.c. from 1936 to 1939 but decreased 36·2 p.c. during the three war years; while the increase for "offences against property without violence" in the former period was 25·5 p.c. as against a decrease of 31·1 p.c. for the latter.

4.—Convictions of Adults for Indictable and Non-Indictable Offences, by Class of Offence, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1938-42

| Class of Offence | NUMBERS | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 1938 | 1939 | 1940 | 1941 | 1942 |
| Indictable Offences— | | | | | |
| Offences against the person..... | 5,624 | 5,478 | 5,268 | 5,142 | 5,465 |
| Offences against property with violence..... | 5,509 | 6,147 | 5,416 | 4,217 | 3,920 |
| Offences against property without violence..... | 20,267 | 22,113 | 19,924 | 16,584 | 15,551 |
| Other..... | 12,199 | 14,369 | 16,115 | 16,703 | 14,373 |
| Totals, Indictable Offences..... | 43,599 | 48,107 | 46,723 | 42,646 | 39,309 |
| Non-Indictable Offences— | | | | | |
| Gambling Acts..... | 10,537 | 11,106 | 16,318 | 30,486 | 21,129 |
| Liquor Acts..... | 12,442 | 13,513 | 12,946 | 15,369 | 16,898 |
| Traffic regulations..... | 285,951 | 292,904 | 311,678 | 369,234 | 399,957 |
| Vagrancy and loose, idle and disorderly conduct..... | 17,602 | 17,884 | 18,602 | 16,912 | 14,554 |
| Drunkenness..... | 36,894 | 36,007 | 37,826 | 40,002 | 44,801 |
| Frequenting bawdy houses..... | 3,518 | 2,580 | 1,170 | 1,208 | 1,192 |
| Other..... | 47,720 | 54,614 | 57,569 | 74,345 | 82,833 |
| Totals, Non-Indictable Offences..... | 414,664 | 428,608 | 456,109 | 547,556 | 581,364 |
| Grand Totals..... | 458,263 | 476,715 | 502,832 | 590,202 | 620,673 |

| Class of Offence | PERCENTAGES OF TOTALS AND PER 100,000 OF POPULATION | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | 1938 | | 1939 | | 1940 | | 1941 | | 1942 | |
| | P.C. of Total | Per 100,000 Pop. | P.C. of Total | Per 100,000 Pop. | P.C. of Total | Per 100,000 Pop. | P.C. of Total | Per 100,000 Pop. | P.C. of Total | Per 100,000 Pop. |
| Indictable Offences— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offences against the person..... | 1·2 | 50 | 1·1 | 48 | 1·0 | 46 | 0·9 | 45 | 0·9 | 47 |
| Offences against property with violence..... | 1·2 | 49 | 1·3 | 54 | 1·1 | 47 | 0·7 | 37 | 0·6 | 34 |
| Offences against property without violence..... | 4·4 | 181 | 4·6 | 196 | 4·0 | 175 | 2·8 | 144 | 2·5 | 133 |
| Other..... | 2·7 | 109 | 3·1 | 127 | 3·2 | 141 | 2·8 | 145 | 2·3 | 123 |
| Totals, Indictable Offences..... | 9·5 | 389 | 10·1 | 425 | 9·3 | 409 | 7·2 | 371 | 6·3 | 337 |
| Non-Indictable Offences— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gambling Acts..... | 2·3 | 94 | 2·3 | 98 | 3·2 | 143 | 5·2 | 265 | 3·4 | 181 |
| Liquor Acts..... | 2·7 | 111 | 2·9 | 119 | 2·6 | 113 | 2·6 | 134 | 2·7 | 145 |
| Traffic regulations..... | 62·4 | 2,551 | 61·4 | 2,589 | 62·0 | 2,729 | 62·5 | 3,209 | 64·4 | 3,432 |
| Vagrancy and loose, idle, and disorderly conduct..... | 3·8 | 157 | 3·8 | 158 | 3·7 | 163 | 2·9 | 147 | 2·4 | 125 |
| Drunkenness..... | 8·1 | 329 | 7·6 | 318 | 7·5 | 331 | 6·8 | 348 | 7·2 | 385 |
| Frequenting bawdy houses..... | 0·8 | 31 | 0·5 | 23 | 0·2 | 10 | 0·2 | 10 | 0·2 | 10 |
| Other..... | 10·4 | 426 | 11·4 | 483 | 11·5 | 504 | 12·6 | 646 | 13·4 | 711 |
| Totals, Non-Indictable Offences..... | 90·5 | 3,699 | 89·9 | 3,788 | 90·7 | 3,993 | 92·8 | 4,759 | 93·7 | 4,989 |
| Grand Totals..... | 100·0 | 4,088 | 100·0 | 4,213 | 100·0 | 4,402 | 100·0 | 5,130 | 100·0 | 5,326 |